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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Executive Staff, O/DDI

Bob:

Attached is a plan of action on how we are assaulting the China search problem as an aftermath of the Wuchai missile site find. [ ]

[ ] has discussed this by telephone with [ ] and promised him this piece of paper before the end of the week. We will be providing the DDI with periodic status reports as the work progresses.

We are working on a second paper concerning our procedures for the PI scan - how they might be improved, etc. This is a more difficult matter, but we will be coming forward with it shortly.

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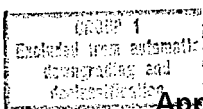
1. The following plan has been instituted as the most feasible to accomplish a thorough search of Communist China for SSM Sites and related activity:

- a. Personnel - 20 NPIC PI's, 3 IAS PI's, and 3 DIAPP-9 PI's. All support-type (e.g. Collateral Analysts, Film Handlers, etc.) will be provided by NPIC. [ ] of NPIC is Team Leader.
- b. Working Space - Special rooms will be provided in IEG, NPIC.
- c. Overtime - It is anticipated that the only overtime involved will be two Saturdays.
- d. Completion Date - 17 April 1970.
- e. Starting Date - 0830, 2 April 1970
- f. Work Objective - The PI's have been instructed to search for any evidence of surface-to-surface missile activity in China. Primary emphasis will be on an exhaustive search for deployed missiles, missile related activity and new missile pads.
- g. Work Outline - Divide Communist China into WAC areas prioritized in order of those most likely for SSM deployment. Starting with the most recent [ ] photography thoroughly search each WAC area. The interpreters will work back through the available coverage to the most recent clear photography of sufficient interpretability to reveal possible SSM activity. (Older duplicative photography, including U-2 coverage, will not be searched if more current photography shows the real estate with sufficient clarity to rule out suspect SSM activity.) The search is not to be delayed by the finding of other new items of intelligence value. Such targets will be noted for record and appropriate follow-on action after the search exercise.

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- h. Reporting Search Results - Except for making a significant SSM find, which would be properly reported immediately, the results of the search will be published in the form of an annotated and color coded China map.

2. This basic plan, and the number of personnel involved, was determined to be the most efficient from the standpoint of Search Team management, film availability, and the highest degree of confidence in the results. It is subject to change depending on the progress of the search and any factors which could enhance the level of confidence in the results. For example, it may be desirable to add additional personnel to study built-up areas in greater depth, or to have these same areas studied by several different PI's.

3. The progress of the search will be reported from time to time to both the DDI/CIA and the Director, DIA.

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